

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
June 17, 2025**

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Clarence Siepker; Supervisors, Peter Seehusen, Louis Stauter, Kyle Smith; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Absent: Brent Aden. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter, Bryan Rahn, RE/Drainage Deputy; Kathy Erickson, MH Advocate; Tate Schmeling, Engineer; Kris Hauswirth, Pro Coop.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes from June 10, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to approve the agenda as posted. Ayes all, motion carried.

Old Business: Seehusen advised that County Attorney Feistner is preparing 28E Agreements for Fonda and Rolfe Law Enforcement. Stauter stated that Fire Departments and Ambulance services do fundraising and are volunteers while law enforcement are hired and paid employees.

At 10:05 a.m., Tate Schmeling, Engineer and the board had fuel bid opening for Secondary Roads. Two bids were received; Wessels Oil and Pro Coop for regular gas, cold diesel and regular diesel. Wessels bid was for .15 / .18 / .15 bid margin, respectively. Pro Coop’s bid was for .1490 / .1790 / .1590 bid margin, respectively. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to accept Pro Coop’s bid. Ayes all, motion carried.

Acting as Trustees to JT DD 25 Poc 39 Cal supervisors met via conference call with Calhoun County to approve invoice for \$769.50 from Mauer Tiling. Minutes can be requested at Auditor’s office.

Brent Aden joined the meeting telephonically.

Kathy Erickson, Mental Health Advocate presented a 28E Sharing Mental Health Advocate Agreement. In 2018, smaller counties joined Webster County for a joint advocate. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to approve and sign 28E Sharing Mental Health Advocate Agreement. Ayes all, motion carried. Brent Aden left the meeting.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor received an invoice from Iowa Good Roads Association. The county has not been with the association since 2016. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to table until next meeting and to have Schmeling review. Ayes all, motion carried.

Part of joining IMWCA, a requirement is to appoint a Countywide Safety Coordinator. Russ Jergens has been serving as the coordinator in the past. Robin Moore, is willing to take on the position as she is currently safety coordinator for Secondary Roads. Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to appoint Robin Moore as Countywide Safety Coordinator with no increase in pay effective July 1, 2025. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hinrickson received a call from David Brownfield from Humboldt requesting to use the courthouse grounds for the Iowa Bible Reading Marathon. Seehusen asked to have information forwarded to him and add to next week’s agenda.

Hinrickson stated that Derek Essing asked about getting a gator for maintenance use. Essing is to get prices on used gator’s and provide what it would be used for. This will be added to agenda when received.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to approve Solutions Agreement for FY26. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve JT DD 63 MOD Invoice from Secondary Roads for \$1,081.84. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to acknowledge Public Health hire of Hollie Nielsen as a nurse beginning July 7, 2025 at \$35.00/hr. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to adopt the following resolution. The Chairman called the questions with the following recorded votes: Ayes: Seehusen, Stauter, Siepker, Smith. Nays: none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

**Appropriations Resolution for 2025/2026 Budget Year
RESOLUTION 2025-06-#27**

WHEREAS, it is desired to make appropriations for each of the service areas and the departmental budgets within the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 in accordance with Section 331.434(6) of the Code of Iowa.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa as follows:

Section 1. The amounts by department with a service area on the following schedule are hereby appropriated from the resources of each fund as designated.

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations, and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under Section 1 shall constitute authorization for the department to make expenditures or incur obligations of the funds effective July 1, 2025.

Section 3. In accordance with Section 331.437 of the Code of Iowa, no department shall expend, or contract to expend, any money or incur any liability in excess of the amounts appropriated by this resolution.

Section 4. If at any time during the FY 2025/2026 budget year, a department administrator recognizes the available appropriation is insufficient, they shall contact the County Auditor. The Auditor shall inform the Board, and recommend the appropriate action.

Section 5. The Auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized for the departments, and shall report the status of each account to the applicable department administrators monthly during the fiscal year.

Section 6. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business on June 30, 2026.

Dept No.	Department	Amount	Dept No.	Department	Amount
01	Board of Supervisors	\$ 428,624	25	Social Services	\$ 145,206
02	Auditor	\$ 462,355	26	Environmental Health	\$ 25,700
03	Treasurer	\$ 372,254	28	Medical Examiner	\$ 29,720
04	County Attorney	\$ 349,743	33	Libraries	\$ 106,920
05	Sheriff	\$ 2,647,706	36	Ambulance	\$ 514,816
06	Clerk of Court	\$ 86,500	51	Courthouse & Grounds	\$ 430,640
07	Recorder	\$ 240,521	52	Data Processing	\$ 325,382
20	Secondary Roads	\$ 9,921,656	53	County Development	\$ 15,571
21	Veterans Affairs	\$ 90,342	60	Mental Health	\$ 128,250
22	Conservation Board	\$ 972,037	80	County Farm	\$ 13,000
23	Board of Health	\$ 1,373,058	99	Non-Departmental	\$ 4,233,672
24	Weed Commission	\$ 6,283			
TOTAL					\$ 22,919,927

APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025

By: Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Clarence Siepker, Chairman; /s/ Peter Seehusen; /s/ Louis Stauter; /s/ Kyle Smith

Attest: /s/Nita Hinrickson, Auditor

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to approve FY26 Wages with the removal of the New Operator wages listed. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve Memo of Understanding with Alison Hauser. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to adopt Resolution 2025-06-#29 Authorizing County to Apply for Membership with IMWCA. Ayes all, motion carried. Full Resolution can be requested at the Auditor’s office.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Stauter to approve Manure Management (1) K.E.B. Farms, Inc. – ID# 62383 NE NW, Sec. 2 Cummins Township David Besch as owner & contact person (2) Triple L Pork, LLC - Buckeye – ID# 63895 NE SE, Section 9, Sherman Township Triple L Pork, LLC as owner & Luke Lenhart as contact (3) Gator – ID# 63891 NW SW, Section 32, Sherman Township Triple L Pork, LLC as owner & Luke Lenhart as contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Safety Mtg, Law Enforcement; Stauter-None; Siepker- Linking Families, Drainage; Smith- Safety Mtg, Jail, Drainage Concerns.

Smith advised the jail opening date has been set back.

Stauter inquired on where we are with MIDAS and the comprehensive plan. No update provided. With no further business, motion by Stauter seconded by Smith to declare the meeting adjourned. Ayes all, motion carried.

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor